
IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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Mr. GALLINGER, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 7334.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 7334) granting a pension to William T. Applegate, have examined the same and report:

The report of the Committee on Invalid Pensions of the House of Representatives hereto appended is adopted, and the passage of the bill is recommended.

HOUSE REPORT.

November 7, 1861, the claimant enlisted in Company B, Twenty-eighth Kentucky Volunteer Infantry; April 3, 1862, he was commissioned as second lieutenant. The records of the War Department show that on November 3, 1862, he was given a certificate of disability for ill health and the effects of a broken leg, on which he resigned.

It appears that during the fall of 1862 the balance of the regiment was captured by the Confederate General Morgan, and Company B sustained a forced march of sixty-two hours, without rations, in order to escape. From the hardships and exposure incident to this retreat the claimant became disabled. It is also shown that shortly after his discharge he was almost a physical wreck, and continuance is proved to the present day.

He filed application under the general law, but his claim was rejected because the testimony of more than one comrade was not obtainable as to origin.

The examining board reports as follows:

"Claimant has paralysis agitans in its worst form * * * is not able to perform any manual labor. The above disability is not the result of vicious habits. * * * He is entitled to a second-grade rating for disability caused by paralysis."

At times, during the paroxysms of the disease, he is unable even to feed himself, and totally helpless.

Claimant also applied under the act of June 27, 1890, and was allowed \$12 per month, which he is now drawing.

If the soldier could clearly trace his disability to the service he would, in his present condition, probably be entitled to \$50 per month. He is 65 years of age, has a large family, and no income except his pension.

Your committee believe the claim has merit, and therefore respectfully recommend the passage of the bill.